

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillors Joan Hully (Chair), Jackie Bowman, Graham Calvin, Tom Higgins, Charles Maudling, Ged McGrath, Michael McVeigh, Graham Minshaw, Russell Studholme and Doug Wilson.

Officers: Nick Hayhurst (Planning and Place Manager), Christopher Harrison (Principal Planning Officer), Clinton Boyce (Solicitor), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer) and Rose Blaney (Democratic Services Officer).

PP 20/136 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian O’Kane.

PP 20/137 Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:

Councillor Joan Hully declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 4a (4/20/2043/001 – Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor) due to being the Chair of Cleator Moor Town Council, a Director of Regen NE Copeland and knowing the Applicants Agent and some of the Objectors.

Councillor Russell Studholme declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 4a (4/20/2043/001 – Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor) due to knowing the objector, Mr McClelland, through work.

PP 20/138 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021.

A vote was then taken by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 7 For, 0 Against and 3 Abstentions, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 3 March 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PP 20/139 Schedule of Applications

The planning applications were then taken in the following order.

PP 20/140 Application 4/20/2043/001 - Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor

Prior to considering this application, the Solicitor outlined the process for applications being reconsidered by the Panel after a previous 'Minded To' decision against the Officer's recommendation.

Four Councillors present (Councillors Michael McVeigh, Tom Higgins, Graham Minshaw and Russell Studholme) had not taken part in the meeting on 17 February 2021 when this application was previously considered.

Each of these Councillors had been supplied with a recording of that meeting.

In order to participate and vote they were asked to confirm they had watched the recording.

Councillors Michael McVeigh, Graham Minshaw and Russell Studholme made that confirmation.

Councillor Tom Higgins had not watched the recording and was therefore unable to participate in the reconsideration of this application. He left the meeting at this point.

The Outline Application for residential development for 11 dwellings including access position (resubmission), was presented by the Principal Planning Officer.

During discussion of this item, representations in objection were received from Mrs P Robinson, Mr A McClelland, Mrs J McClelland, Mr N Johnston, Mr A Gidney and Mr H Edgar.

The Applicant's Agent, Mr M Sandelands, then exercised his right to respond.

The Principal Planning Officer summed up and made a recommendation, after which all Members were invited to ask questions or make comment.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

The result of the vote was 5 For, 3 Against and 1 Abstention.

RESOLVED – that the application be Approved in Outline.

PP 20/141 Schedule of Delegated Decisions

The Panel was notified of a number of delegated decisions made during the period 20 February 2021 to 5 March 2021.

RESOLVED – that the Schedule of Delegated Decisions from 20 February 2021 to 5 March 2021 be noted.

PP 20/142 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Planning Panel will be held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 2:00pm. This will be a virtual meeting.

The Meeting closed at 3.15 pm

Chair